INYO-MONO

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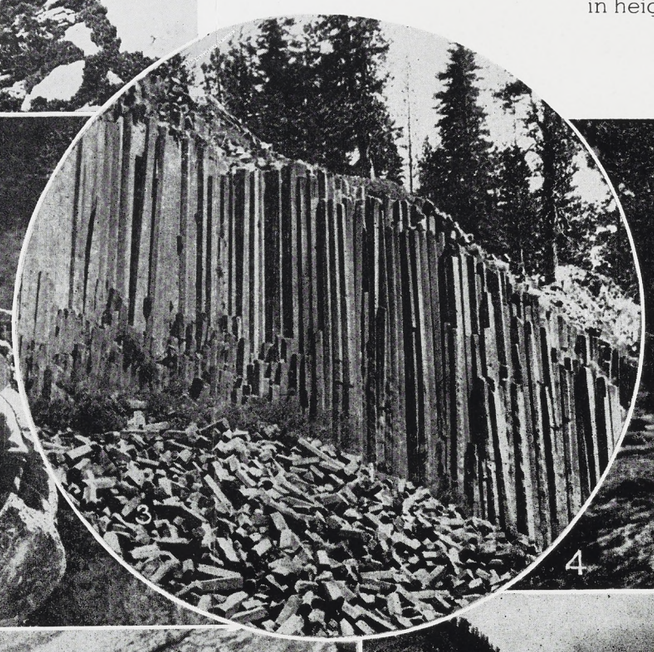
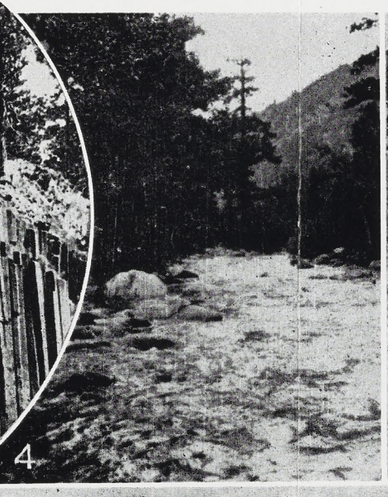
» AMERICA'S RANGE OF RECREATIO

ONE of the great mountain ranges of the world, is the Sierra Nevada, John Muir's "Range of Light." Four hundred miles long, and seventy miles wide, it towers in unequaled majesty along California's eastern border. Rising gradually from the fertile San Joaquine valley thru a series of rolling foothills this vast granite block, on its east face, drops in breath-taking cliffs and abutments four to to ten thousand feet in height

Beneath and beyond its beetling scarp .... the crest of the nation .... lie glaciers, myriad lakes and darting streams. Lie also verdant pastures and arid plains; dry adobe playas, and scalding geysers; forests of pine and lone cacti, and the lowest spot on the continent, weird and alluring Death Valley.

This ... the summits and the valleys, the spires and the desert, the color and the contrast .. is Inyo-Mono .. America's Range of Recreation.





Centers of Interest

OLANCHA—Golden trout country. Death Valley cut-off.

DARWIN—Famed mining town. Indian Petroglyphs.

KEELER—Cerro Gordo mine. Talc and Soda ash refineries. Owens lake.

PANAMINT VALLEY—Ghost towns. Telescope peak. Rainbow canyon.

DEATH VALLEY—Lowest spot in America. Land of Mystery, color and romance. Winter desert resort. Scotty.

LONE PINE—Base of Mt. Whitney. Mt. Whitney-Death Valley highway junction. Golden trout country. Movie locations. Age-old rock formations of Alabama Hills. Gateway to Whitney Portal.

INDEPENDENCE—Inyo county seat. Headquarters L. A. Dep't. Water and Power. Eastern California Museum. Mt. Whitney Fish Hatchery. Gateway to Kearsarge Valley. Tule Elk refuge nearby. Lake and stream fishing.

BIG PINE—Junction Palisade Glacier road. Junction Westgard pass to Tonopah and Goldfield. Lake and stream fishing.

BISHOP—Largest town. Junction highways 6, via Montgomery pass to Tonopah-Goldfield, and 395 to Reno. Lake, river and stream fishing. Gateway to Snow Sports. Region Tungsten mines. Petroglyphs.

MAMMOTH—Lake resort center against backdrop of famed Minarets. Junction Devil's Post Pile Nat'l Monument and Rainbow Falls road. Casa Diablo Geyser.

JUNE LAKE—Lake resort center. Bypass from highway 395 skirts June, Gull, Silver and Grant lakes.

LEEVINING—Junction Tioga pass road, only eastern entrance to Yosemite National Park.

MONO LAKE—America's "Lake of the Sky." Islands contain mud pots, geysers, hot springs. Sea gulls nest here. Junction Bodie Road to ghost mining town.

BRIDGEPORT—Mono county seat. Historic courthouse. Lake and stream fishing. Cattle and Sheep.

COLEVILLE—Center Walker river fishing region and northern Mono. Cattle and sheep.

The Pictures

1—MT. WHITNEY. 14,496 feet high. Highest point in the United States, as seen on the trail from Whitney Portal.

2—INDIAN PETROGLYPHS. Many such ancient Indian writings are found throughout the Inyo-Mono area.

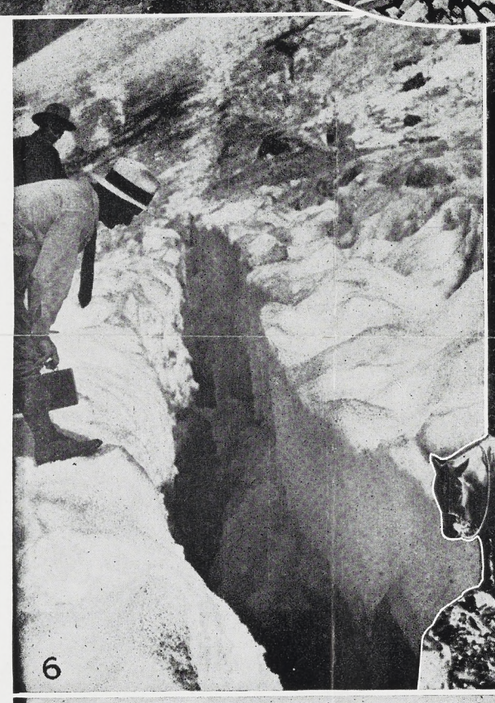
3—DEVIL'S POST PILE. Now a National Monument, access to this odd formation by auto over Mammoth and Minaret Summit road.

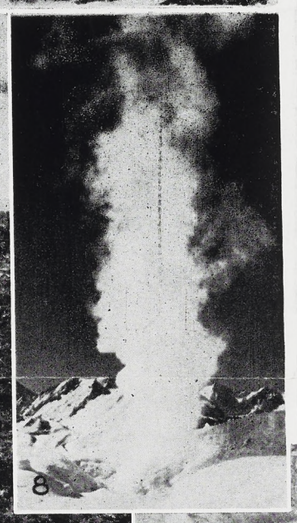
4—WALKER RIVER. Famous as a fishing stream with large cut-throat trout. Located in northern Mono county.

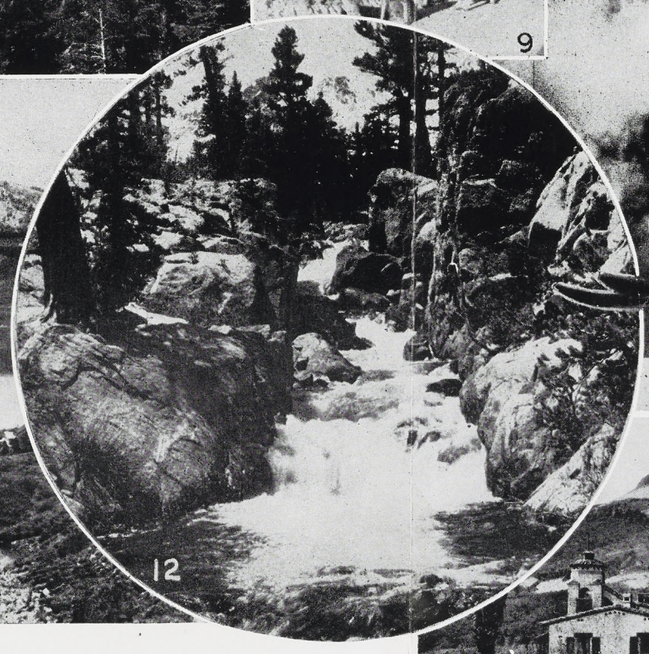
5—MOVIE makers on location at Lone Pine. Shots from the R.K.O. picture "Gunga Din." Last year 37 Hollywood companies used Inyo-Mono as background setting for nearly every continent on the globe.

6— PALISADE GLACIER, the most southerly glacier in the United States, photo shows one of the large crevasses in this huge field of ice, reached by road and trail from Big Pine.

7—TWIN LAKES, in the land of a thousand sparkling Sierra lakes.







8—CASA DIABLO "GEYSER." This six-inch, 80-foot stream of boiling water suddenly "spouted" without warning in the winter of 1937.

9—DOG TEAM used extensively in the backcountry, and as a winter sport attraction.

10—BISHOP CREEK, draining Bishop Lakes basin, home of wily trout.

—MONO LAKE AND CRATERS. Sky blue waters with ...ic cones in the distance. This area shows many signs ... volcanic action.

...USH CRE... FALLS. Rush creek is the outlet for ...

... ...FS IN INYO-MONO, picture shows ...ector of the Inyo-Mono ski school, executing ...

...LLEY Scotty's "Castle," $3,000,000 home ... Canyon.

...Y as seen from Dante's View, show... the Devil's Golf Course.

Accommodations
To Suit Every Budget

There are more than fifty hotels and resorts in the area, most of them offering every type of accommodation from housekeeping cabins to distinctive hotel service.

Excellent free camping sites are maintained by the United States Forest Service in Inyo and Mono National Forests.

Pack stations near each resort center beckon the whole family to spend a vacation in the mountains. While Dad "packs in" the children play in supervised playgrounds, or with Mother, enjoy early morning canters or moonlight picnics.

» FOUR SEASONS «

Inyo-Mono Winter Sports

Endorsed by many of the world's best known skiers as the only truly Alpine ski terrain in America, Inyo-Mono has, in the past few seasons, taken the lead in development of winter sports in the West.

For more than two hundred miles, the Los Angeles to Reno highway, U. S. 395, runs directly through the snow fields. Mile after mile of unbroken treeless slopes, white with powder-snow, permit the skier to "schuss" or "christie" at will.

Four mechanical ski-tows are ready to pull the pleasure hunter to the top of the ski runs. Four internationally known ski figures will teach or guide the snow enthusiast. Hans Georg, from St. Moritz, Switzerland, directs the Inyo-Mono Ski School. Seigfried Engl, and Clarita Heath instruct at Ski School Tyrol, and Norman Clyde, famous mountain climber, conducts ski touring parties.

Two to four hours away from the ski slopes sinks Death Valley, historic "summer-in-winter" spa. Nowhere else in America can the visitor enjoy swimming and sun bathing below sea level, and a few hours away ski or skate in winter sport terrain on the rim of the continent.

The Gold Land of The Shimmering Mountains

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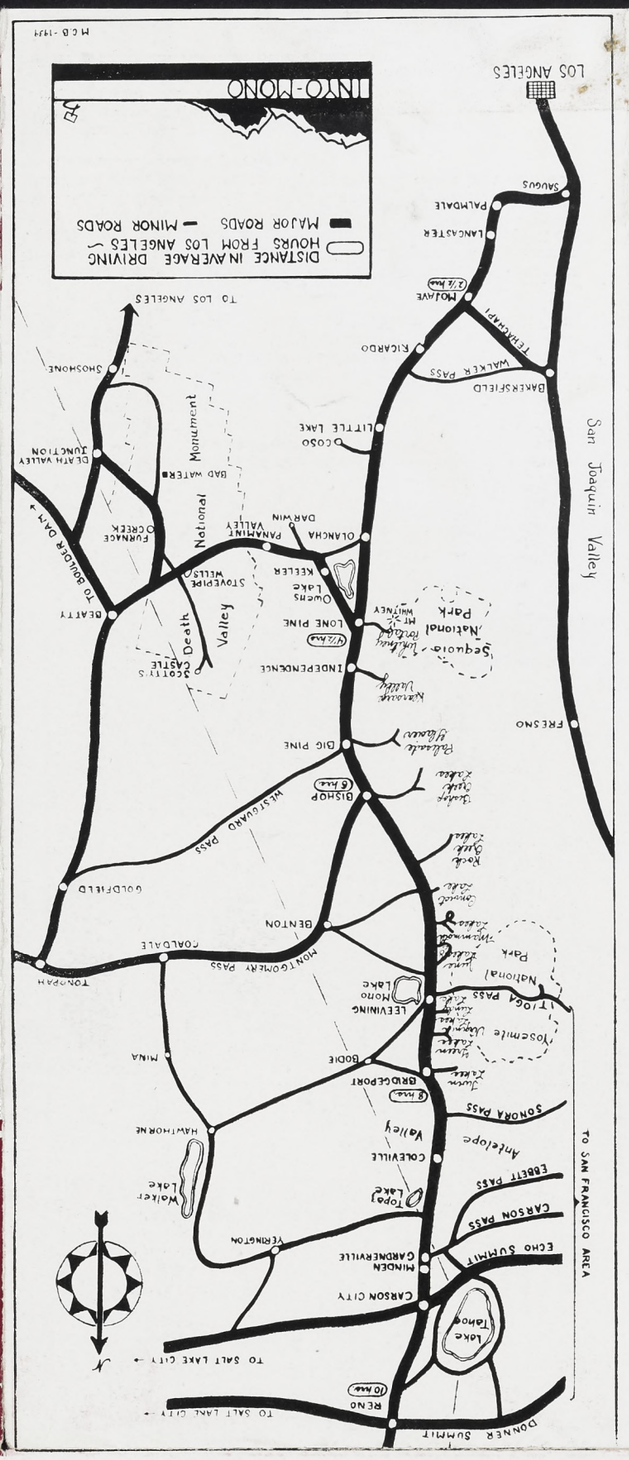

Follow The Roads To Know Inyo-Mono

BY AUTOMOBILE—There are no discouraging grades, nor dangerous curves on U. S. highway 395—the Three Flags Highway—main artery between Los Angeles and Reno.

This high-speed, high-gear boulevard leads you from Los Angeles by way of Saugus, Mint Canyon, Mojave, and Red Rock Canyon to Inyo-Mono.

At Lone Pine, the new Mt. Whitney-Death Valley highway intersects U. S. 395 and 6, bringing Death Valley by way of Panamint, within two easy hours of the area. An alternate road connects with U. S. 395 at Olancha.

Northward the main highway passes through Independence, Big Pine, Bishop, Leevining, Bridgeport, Coleville, on to Reno, Nevada.

At Big Pine, a secondary highway climbs over Westgard pass to Tonopah and Goldfield, Nevada.

At Bishop U. S. 6 branches off for Montgomery pass, Tonopah, Goldfield and the East. This way lies the United States Naval Munitions depot and plant at Hawthorne, Nevada.

San Francisco visitors may reach the land of Inyo-Mono by several routes. Main all-year artery is U. S. 40, over Donner Summit, connecting with U. S. 395 at Reno.

During the summer months the following scenic passes may be used across the crest of the Sierra into Inyo-Mono:

From Placerville, Echo Summit pass.
From Jackson, Carson Pass.
From Angel's Camp, Ebbets Pass.
From Sonora, Sonora Pass.
From Yosemite, Tioga Pass.
San Joaquin Valley residents may also use Walker Pass, or the Tehachapi route, which are open the year 'round.

Suggested "loop trips" of great interest are from San Francisco over Donner Summit to Inyo-Mono returning via Tioga Pass. From Los Angeles, visitors may see Inyo-Mono and use any one of the scenic mountain passes, visiting the Golden Gate International Exposition and returning over the Coast highway

BUS LINES—"Inland Stages" maintain daily service between Los Angeles and Reno over U. S. 395. Stop-over privileges are allowed, and in winter, special ski-party rates are available for week-end travel.

RAILROADS—A daily train on the Southern Pacific connects Mojave and Lone Pine. An interesting old narrow gauge runs north from Owenyo to Laws.

Local business establishments will be glad to furnish the traveler with accurate information on vacation points in the area.

For information, call your Auto Club, or Travelau or write to: Inyo-Mono Association, Bishop, or nty Clerk, Independence, California.

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AGRICULTURE and INDUSTRY

Mining and Agriculture

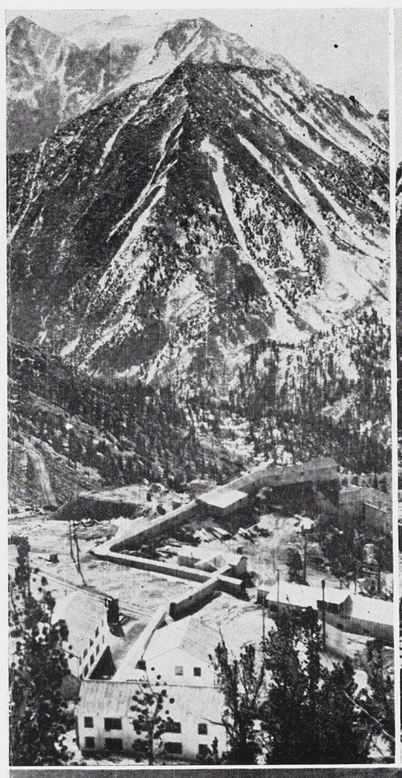
SINCE the early sixties, Inyo-Mono has been known as a highly mineralized region. The ghost towns of the Funerals and Panamints, the famed Cerro Gordo; the Bodie and Aurora that knew Mark Twain—these tell the story of gold-silver-lead, nor can we forget borax which opened Death Valley to the world. Much of the nation's talcum powder is mined here, and the soda ash products of Owens lake find a world market.

THE two top pictures, opposite, tell an interesting story. To the left is the U. S. Vanadium mine, located well above 11,000 feet and worked winter and summer. This mine has helped make Bishop, its nearest town, center of the tungsten mining activity in the U. S. To the right is the famed "Spark Plug" mine, located high in the White mountains; silimanite is mined here (one of the two known deposits in the world) and used as a base in spark plug insulation.

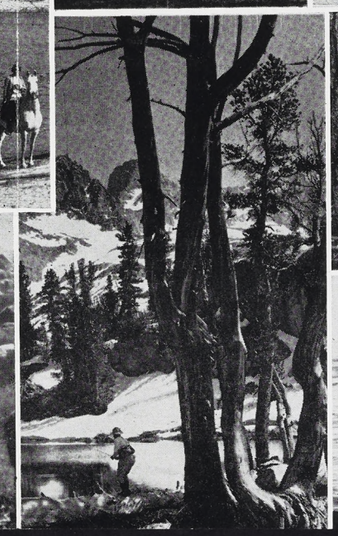
CATTLE graze today in the long valleys and lush mountain meadows of Inyo-Mono, as they have ever since the white man found this hidden kingdom a century ago. This is a "cow haven" and men live well by their cattle here. Likewise, every spring and summer, thousands of sheep forage from Mojave north, across the flowering desert, up into the green carpeted canyons of the range.

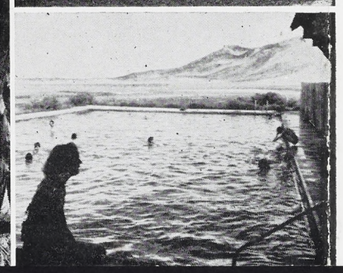
FROM Inyo-Mono, Los Angeles draws the water that s made her the Metropolis of the West. The story of the iginal aqueduct and development is history. This year see the completion of an eleven-mile tunnel through eart the Mono craters, bringing the streams of Basin 300 miles to the City of the Angels.

HE long and lowest power transmission line in begins here. The California-Nevada Power its plants in Bishop Creek, furnishes pow- or Imperial Valley, over 500 miles away. his transmission line runs 200 feet below s power line, Inyo-Mono waters furnish- the energy to build Boulder Dam.



OUT-OF-DOORS ACTIVITIES





Sport Page

"A SPORTSMAN'S PARADISE" is a term long applied to Inyo-Mono. It is truly a fisherman's empire, for from Little Lake to the Nevada line, more than a thousand well stocked High Sierra lakes, and countless streams conceal the wily trout. Recognized by the nation's anglers as one of the most prolific waters in America, is the Owens River with Hot Creek beyond, where the hot springs aid the trout to wax and grow fat the year 'round.

HUNTING follows fishing in Inyo-Mono, with hundreds of bucks taken out annually. Due to strict conservation and the use of brood pens, pheasant hunting is unsurpassed. Quail are plentiful in certain localities and ducks and geese are becoming yearly more numerous with the spreading of surplus waters on the lowlands.

HORSEBACK RIDING AND PACK TRIPS—Because of the sharp escarpment of the Sierra on the east, access to the magnificent "high country" is comparatively simple from Inyo-Mono. An easy one or two day's pack trip with any one of the district's excellent pack outfits will take the vacationists into the "Shangri La" country of the West. At the resorts, horses are available for brisk canters over pine scented trails. Guide service and instruction are available, and many resorts are holding special moonlight picnic rides beneath the moon and stars, amid the pines that frame the mountain backbone of America.

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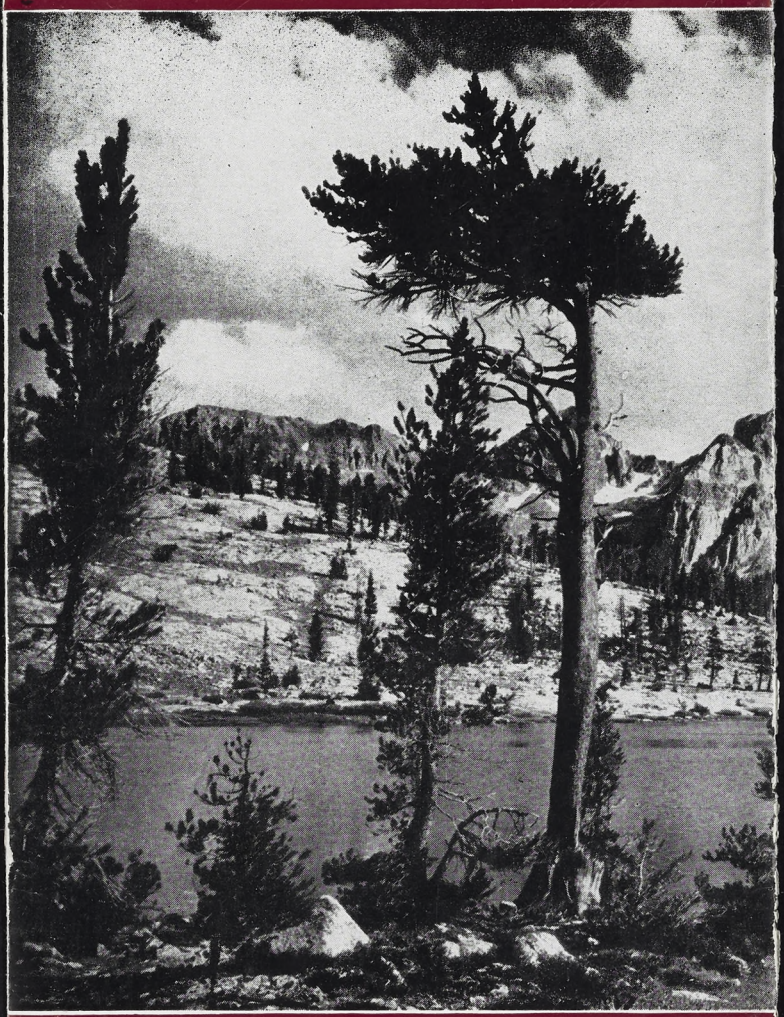

The Odd

The Interesting